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SUBJECT: COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL OF YUN PO SUN OPENS

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1. CONTRARY TO ASSURANCES TO EMBASSY BY PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARY ALL SEOUL MEDIA AND EVENING NEWSPAPERS ON JULY 16 CONFIRMED THAT EX-PRESIDENT YUN PO SUNNAS WELL AS REV. PARK HYONG-KYU, REV. KIM CHAN-KUK, AND PROF. KIM DONG-IL HAD BEEN INDICTED AND WERE BEING TRIED BY THIRD PANEL OF GENERAL EMERGENCY COURT MARTIAL.

2. EMERGENCY COURT-MARTIAL SPOKESMAN YI CHAN-SHIK AT OPENING SESSION CHARGED THAT DEFENDANTS HAD SECRETLY SUPPORTED THE CONSPIRACY OF THE NFDYS TO LAUNCH A REVOLUTION THROUGH ANTI-GOVERNMENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND TO OVERTHROW THE ROKG IN ORDER TO ASSUME POWER. MORE SPECIFICALLY THEY HAD PASSED MONEY TO NOW CONVICTED MEMBERS OF THE NFDYS AND HAD ENTICED THREE STUDENTS NA PYONG-SIK, KIM YONG-CHUN, AND SONG MU-HO, ALL KEY MEMBERS OF THE NFDYS, TO STAGE NATIONWIDE CLASHES WITH THE MILITARY AND POLICE. OBJECT WAS TO PROVOKE SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN WHICH THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

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WERE TO BE SACRIFICED.

3. ACCORDING TO TEXT OF INDICTMENT AGAINST YUN AND PARK, MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, THEY ARE CHARGED WITH HAVING VIOLATED PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY MEASURE 1 AND 4 AS WELL AS NATIONAL SECURITY LAW. CHARGES AGAINST OTHERS PRESUMABLY ARE THE SAME.

4. ASKED WHAT WENT WRONG WITH HIS FORECAST THAT YUN WOULD NOT BE INDICTED, (REFTEL), PRIMIN'S SECRETARY SAID YUN HAD ENTERED COURT AS "WITNESS" AND ONLY WAS INDICTED WHEN HE ADMITTED DURING SESSION GIVING MONEY TO NFDYS. WHEN EMBOFF REPLIED THAT HE HAD SEEN COPY OF INDICTMENT AGAINST YUN PO SUN DATED JULY 10 HAN SAID HIS SOURCES MUST HAVE LIED TO HIM.

5. HAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT YUN WAS NOT IN JAIL LIKE OTHERS, BUT WAS BEING ALLOWED TO GO HOME AFTER TRIAL SESSIONS.
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